GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:342
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ENCROACHMENT ON THE LANDS OF THE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lands belonging to airports at different places is under encroachment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these encroachment in the vicinity of airports are posing a danger to the aircraft while landing or taking off; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken to evacuate the encroachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha (*) Starred Question No.342 for 26.4.2007 regarding Encroachment on the lands of the Airports.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details in respect of Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports and restructured airports are as under: Land encroached (in acres) Mumbai -247, Juhu -29 and Nagpur -13 in Maharashtra; Satna -150 and Bhopal -30 in Madhya Pradesh; Hyderabad -97, Rajamundhary -8, Tirupati -0.3 and Visakhapatnam -0.2 in Andhra Pradesh; Amritsar -83 in Punjab; Kolkata -75.7 in West Bengal; Ahmedabad -20 and Rajkot -1 in Gujarat; Ranchi -9 in Jharkhand; Gaya -5 in Bihar; Delhi -1 and Safdarjung -1.5 in Delhi; Lucknow -17 in Uttar Pradesh; Port Blair -1.5 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Union Territory) and Belgaum -1 in Karnataka.

(c) Standard operating procedures safeguard the flight path of landing and take-off of aircraft at all the airports. However, the encroachments are source of bird attraction which cause some amount of operational risk to aircraft. They also cause security concern at the airports.

(d) AAI regularly takes up issues of removal of encroachments with the concerned State Governments. Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (MIAL) has already entered into an agreement with Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for relocation and rehabilitation of slums of CSI Airport, Mumbai. It has also floated an Expression of Interest (EOI) on 18.4.2007 to invite developers for providing land and taking up construction of tenements for rehabilitation of the slum dwellers as per a scheme of the Government of Maharashtra.